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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair  
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Via fax: 202-226-6953

The Honorable Grace Napolitano, Ranking Member  
House Water and Power Subcommittee  
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Re: San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District is pleased to support your HR 2828 to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program) and address water challenges across the West.

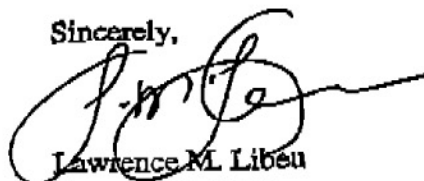
It is extremely important that the Program be reauthorized this year, and we are grateful your commitment to moving the process along. Pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources, with focal points on the Colorado River, the Bay-Delta, and the Klamath. The Program has been viewed as the model for resolving conflicts in California and throughout the West where water issues are so critical. The Program, however, can never realize its full potential without authorization and funding.

The Program is still California's best chance to make enduring, statewide improvements to the water supply and conveyance infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. In the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District service area, CALFED's implementation will bring about daily progress on water reliability and quality.

We applaud the concepts contained in HR 2828, which includes both an authorization of CALFED and a competitive grants program for projects like desalination and water recycling, which will complement the Program and build upon the proven successes of these projects.

Please contact us if we may be of further assistance with the passage of HR 2828. Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

Sincerely,



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